

OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Department of Consumer Affairs
Board of Psychology
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The open session meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by Judith Janaro Fabian, Ph.D., President, at 3:06 p.m. A quorum was present and due notice had been sent to interested parties.

Present were:

Judith Janaro Fabian, Ph.D., President
Martin Greenberg, Ph.D., Vice-President
Emil Rodolfa, Ph.D.
Linda Hee, Ph.D.
Pamela Harmell, Ph.D. (arrived at 3:10 p.m.)
Marilyn Palarea
Mary Ellen Early (arrived at 3:15 p.m.)
Mary McMillan
Lisa Kalustian

Others Present:

Thomas O'Connor, Executive Officer
Suzanne Taylor, Enforcement Coordinator
Karen Johnson, Licensing/Examination Coordinator
Jeff Thomas, Special Projects Coordinator

Agenda Item 1 - AB 400 (Lempert)

Ms. McMillan advised the board that she spoke with the author of this bill and explained to him that the board has not yet taken a position on AB 400 in order to give time to consider the amendments that have been made. This bill would eliminate the acceptance of equivalent degrees and degrees from approved schools. The board heard testimony from Charles Faltz, Ph.D. with the California Psychological Association. The board also heard testimony from John Preston, Ph.D. who is a professor at both an accredited school and an approved school. He addressed how some aspects of this bill would affect the availability of mental health services in rural areas. Dr. Preston also informed the board about the difficulty small schools must face

in order to get accredited. He indicated that the passing of this bill would force many of them to close.

A discussion and debate continued. Dr. Greenberg stated that he felt that this issue is solely a guild issue and does not involve consumer protection, which is the purpose of the board. Dr. Fabian rebutted by stating that this bill does, in fact, involve consumer issues since students, faculty and school officials are consumers as well. Dr. Rodolfa pointed out that the passage of this bill would be a step toward reciprocity with other states and that no other state accepts degrees from non-regionally accredited schools. Mr. O'Connor clarified this statement by informing the board that if this bill passed, California would qualify for reciprocity according to the standards set forth by the Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards.

It was M(Harmell)/S(Rodolfa)/C to support AB 400.

Vote: 7/2

For: Fabian, Hee, Rodolfa, Harmell, McMillan, Early, and Kalustian

Against: Greenberg and Palarea

Agenda Item 2 - Supervision Regulation (1387) Draft Language

Dr. Rodolfa reviewed the draft supervision regulation language with the board and provided numerous handouts that supported the elimination of the 3-year post-licensure requirement for supervisors. Dr. Fabian expressed concern regarding the elimination of the three-year requirement for supervisors. Concerns were also raised regarding the proposed requirement for training in supervision for all supervisors. It was also suggested that the requirement for training in supervision be reduced from seven hours to six hours in order to be consistent with the Board of Behavioral Sciences' requirement. A lengthy discussion and debate continued between members of the board as well as the audience.

It was M(Palarea)/S(McMillan)/C supporting draft regulations eliminating the three-year post-licensure requirements and giving Dr. Rodolfa and Mr. O'Connor the permission to polish the language.

Vote: Unanimous

The Open Session meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith Janaro Fabian, Ph.D.
President

Martin Greenberg, Ph.D.
Vice-President